

## Contract

Solicitation # SCC060001-A1

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### Contract Information

NOTE: As a State Agency, you are only allowed to use contracts that are either Statewide Contracts or contracts that are assigned to your Agency. You are not allowed to use other Agency Contracts.

Start Date:	2/21/06	End Date:	2/20/07
Term:	1 Year(s)	FOB:	destination
Payment Terms:	fixed	Delivery:	30A.R.O. Days
Contract Extension Allowed		Max Extension:	4 Year(s)

### Solicitation Information

Title:	Statewide Research and Survey Services	Type:	RFP
Description:	Economic/fiscal impact researchMarket researchOperations researchProgram evaluationPolicy development researchCustomer and/or employee satisfaction researchNeeds assessmentsFocus groups		

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## Special Instructions

### Clarifications

Upon receipt and opening of proposals submitted in response to this solicitation, the State may request oral or written clarifications, including demonstrations or questions and answers, for the sole purpose of information gathering or of eliminating minor informalities or correcting nonjudgmental mistakes in proposals. Clarifications shall not otherwise afford the offerors the opportunity to alter or change its proposal.

### Definition

'May' denotes the permissive

'Should' denotes the recommended but not mandatory

'Shall' denotes the imperative

'Must' denotes the imperative

### Discussions

In accordance with A.R.S. 41-2534, after the initial receipt of proposals, the State may conduct discussions with those offerors who submit proposals determined by the State to be reasonably susceptible of being selected for award. Interviews are at the option of the Procurement Officer. If interviews are decided upon a letter shall be sent with instructions as to the guidelines of said interviews.

### Electronic Documents

This solicitation document is provided in an electronic format. Any unidentified alteration or modification to any solicitation documents, to any attachments, exhibits, forms, charts or illustrations contained herein shall be null and void. In those instances where modifications are identified, the original document published by the State shall take precedence. As provided in the Uniform Instructions to Offerors, offerors are responsible for clearly identifying any and all changes or modifications to any solicitations document upon submission to the State.

### Evaluation

In accordance with the Arizona Procurement Code 41-2534, Competitive Sealed Proposals, awards shall be made to the responsible offeror whose proposal is determined in writing to be the most advantageous to the State based upon the evaluation criteria listed below. The evaluation factors are listed in their relative order of importance.

1. Experience, Expertise, Reliability (Offeror and Key Personnel)
2. Methodology and Approach
3. Cost
4. Overall responsiveness to the RFP

### Exceptions

Offerors shall indicate any exceptions they have taken to the instructions, terms, conditions or other requirements of the solicitation.

### Inclusive Offeror(s)

Offeror(s) are encouraged to make every effort to utilize subcontractors that are small, women-owned and/or minority owned business enterprises. This could include subcontracts for a percentage of deliveries made under any subsequent contract. Offerors who are committing a portion of their work to such subcontractors shall do so by identifying the type of service and work to be performed by providing detail concerning your organization's utilization of small, women-owned and/or minority business enterprises. Emphasis should be placed on specific areas that are subcontracted and percentage of contract utilization and how this effort will be administered and managed, including reporting requirements.

### Offer Acceptance Period

Proposals shall be irrevocable offers for 180 days after the proposal due date.

### Offshore Performance of Work

Due to security and identity protection concerns, direct services under this contract shall be performed within the borders of the United States. Any services that are described in the specifications or scope of work that directly serve the State of Arizona or its clients and may involve access to secure or sensitive data or personal client data or development or modification of software for the State shall be performed within the borders of the United States. Unless specifically stated otherwise in the specifications, this definition does not apply to indirect or 'overhead' services, redundant back-up services or services that are incidental to the performance of the contract. This provision applies to work performed by subcontractors at all tiers. Offerors shall declare all anticipated offshore services in the proposal.

### PRE-BID CONFERENCE

A Pre-Bid Conference will be held at 1700 W. Washington, 1st Floor Conference Room at 1:30p.m. on September 19, 2005; attendance is not required. The purpose of the conference will be to clarify the contents of the solicitation in order to prevent

any misunderstanding of the State of Arizona's position. Any doubt as to the requirements of the solicitation or any apparent omission or discrepancy should be presented to the State at the conference. The State of Arizona will then determine the appropriate action necessary, if any, and issue a written amendment to the solicitation if required. Oral statements or instructions will not constitute an amendment to the solicitation.

Persons with a disability may request a reasonable accommodation, such as a sign language interpreter, or this document in an alternative format, by contacting the Chief Procurement Officer, 1700 W.Washington, Suite B-32, Phx., AZ 85007, (602) 771-1110. Requests should be made as early as possible to allow sufficient time to arrange for accommodation.

#### **Proposal Content**

**PROPOSAL:** The State will not provide any reimbursement for the cost of developing or presenting proposals in response to this RFP. Failure to include the requested information may have a negative impact on the evaluation of the offeror's proposal. The proposal should include at least the following information: **EXPERIENCE/EXPERTISE/RELIABILITY:** The proposal should contain the following in narrative form: 1. A resume or written narrative of Offerors experience and/or expertise in each of the areas they are proposing in. 2. The Offeror should provide at least three references of the firm for each of the tasks they are proposing in. 3. Information related to previous and current contracts, which are considered identical or similar to the requirements of this RFP. 4. Name, address and telephone number of contracting agency and a contact person who may be contacted for verification of all data submitted. Dates of Contract. 5. A brief, written description of the specific prior services performed and requirements thereof. 6. The offeror should provide a resume of key personnel including references detailing educational qualifications and previous work assignments as may relate to this RFP for key personnel to be assigned to the project. 7. The offeror should provide an organizational chart showing the staffing and lines of authority for the key personnel to be used. The relationship of the project leader to management and to support personnel should be clearly illustrated. 8. References from at least two or more similar projects in which key proposed personnel were involved if, different than number 2 of this section. Provide an explanation of staff's responsibilities on each project.

**METHODOLOGY AND APPROACH:** 1. The Offeror should demonstrate successful implementation of public involvement/public programs. 2. The Offeror should provide at least three projects that they have completed. They may reference number 2 of the EXPERIENCE/EXPERTISE/RELIABILITY SECTION but will be looked at from the point of Method of Performance. Provide samples or websites or written data. Proposals will be evaluated based on the offeror's distinctive plan for performing the requirements of the RFP. Since the evaluators have already read the Scope of Work as described in the RFP, it is not necessary for the offeror to repeat the exact RFP language, or to present a paraphrased version, we are looking for an original idea for a technical approach. 3. The offeror should present a written narrative that demonstrates the method or manner in which the offeror proposes to satisfy the requirements of the Scope of Work. The language of the narrative should be straightforward and limited to facts, solutions to problems, and plans of proposed action. Please identify all subcontractors at this time. 4. The offeror is cautioned that it is the offeror's sole responsibility to submit information related to the evaluation categories and that the State of Arizona is under no obligation to solicit such information if it is not included with the offeror's proposal. Failure of the offeror to submit such information may cause an adverse impact on the evaluation of the offeror's proposal. **COST:** The proposal should contain the following: 1. The Cost shall include hours for professional and support personnel in the pricing sheet. See Pricing Schedule 2. Travel shall be at State rates (See Website [gao.state.az.us](http://gao.state.az.us), for rates), and reimbursables at cost. These will be decided at the time of the request for task proposal by an Agency. **OVERALL RESPONSIVENESS TO THE RFP** 1. The Offeror shall insure that all requested information is provided in format described above.

#### **Proposals: SPIRIT Submission Requirement**

In accordance with the Uniform Instructions 3.1, Forms: No Facsimile, Telegraphic or Electronic Mail Offers; proposals to this solicitation shall be submitted in an acceptable electronic format, as described herein, using the State's online eProcurement application SPIRIT. Submission of offers by means other than the SPIRIT system will not be accepted. Potential offerors with questions in this regard shall contact the State Procurement Office prior to the solicitations due date and time.

#### **Value In Procurement**

Through the Governor's Efficiency Review initiative, Enterprise Procurement Services has established the Value in Procurement (VIP) Committee. A major initiative of the VIP Committee is to aggregate specific procurements to increase efficiency and cut costs. The VIP Committee has designated the Arizona Department of Commerce as a Strategic Contracting Center for Research and Survey Services. Any contract resulting from this RFP shall become a statewide contract for use by all State agencies, and optional for cities, counties and school districts and other political subdivisions. State agencies that currently have individual contracts in place will be phased in under this contract when their contracts expire. The current schedule of some of these agencies specific contracts are:

November 2005

August 2006

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## Special Terms and Conditions

### Amendments

Any change in the contract including the Scope of Work described herein, whether by modification or supplementation, must be accomplished by a formal contract amendment signed and approved by and between the duly authorized representatives of the contractor and the Commerce Procurement Office of the State of Arizona. Any such amendment shall specify an effective date, any increases or decreases in the amount of the contractors' compensation if applicable and entitled as an 'Amendment', and signed by the parties identified in the preceding sentence. The contractor expressly and explicitly understands and agrees that no other method and/or no other document, including correspondence, acts, and oral communications by or from any person, shall be used or construed as an amendment or modification or supplementation to the contract.

### Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990

The Contractor shall comply with the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990 (Public Law 101-336) and the Arizona Disability Act of 1992 (A.R.S 41-1492 et. seq.), which prohibits discrimination of the basis of physical or mental disabilities in delivering contract services or in the employment, or advancement in employment of qualified individuals.

Persons with a disability may request a reasonable accommodation, such as a sign language interpreter, by contracting Martha Lynch at (602) 771-1110. Request should be made as early as possible to allow time to arrange the accommodation.

### Arbitration

The parties to this Contract agree to resolve all disputes arising out of or relating to this Contract through arbitration, after exhausting applicable administrative review, to the extent required by A.R.S. §12-1518 except as may be required by other applicable statutes.

### Availability of Funds for the Next Fiscal Year

Funds are not presently available for performance under this contract beyond the current fiscal year. The State's obligation for performance of this contract beyond this fiscal year is contingent upon the availability of funds from which payment for contract purposes can be made. No legal liability on the part of the State for any payment may arise for performance under this contract beyond the current fiscal year until funds are made available for performance of this contract.

### Cancellation

The State reserves the right to cancel the whole or any part of the contract due to failure of the Contractor to carry out any term, promise, or condition of the contract. The State will issue a written ten (10) day notice of default to the Contractor for acting or failing to act as in any of the following:

The Contractor provides personnel that do not meet the requirements of the contract.

The Contractor fails to perform adequately the services required in the contract.

The Contractor attempts to impose on the State, personnel, which are of an unacceptable quality.

The Contractor fails to furnish the required product within the time stipulated in the contract.

The Contractor fails to make progress in the performance of the requirements of the contract and/or gives the State a positive indication that the Contractor will not or cannot perform to the requirements of the contract.

If the Contractor does not correct the above problem(s) within ten (10) days after receiving the notice of default, the State may cancel the contract. If the State cancels the contract pursuant to this clause, the State reserves all rights or claims to damage for breach of contract.

### Confidential Information

If a person believes that any portion of a proposal, bid, offer, specification, protest or correspondence contains information that should be withheld, then the Procurement Officer shall be so advised in writing (Price is not confidential and will not be withheld). Such material shall be identified as confidential wherever it appears. The State, pursuant to A.C.R.R. R2-7-104, shall review all requests for confidentiality and provide a written determination. If the confidential request is denied, such information shall be disclosed as public information, unless the person utilizes the 'Protest' provision as noted in §41-2611 through §41-2616.

### Confidentiality of Records

The contractor shall establish and maintain procedures and controls acceptable to the State for the purpose of assuring that information or data in its possession is not mishandled, misused, released, disclosed, or used in an inappropriate manner by it, its agents, officers, or employees, except as required to efficiently perform duties under the contract. Persons requesting such information shall be referred to the State. The contractor also agrees that any information pertaining to individual persons shall not be divulged other than to employees or officers of the Contractor as needed for the performance of duties under the contract, unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the State.

**Conflict of Interest**

No person preparing or assisting in the preparation of specifications, plans or scopes of work shall receive any direct benefit from the utilization of those specifications, plans or scopes of work.

**Contract**

The contract between the State of Arizona and the contractor shall consist of the solicitation as amended, any requests for clarifications and/or best and final offers, the proposal submitted by the contractor, their responses to any requests for clarifications and/or their best and final offer. In the event of a conflict in language between the documents referenced above, the provisions and requirements set forth and/or referenced in the solicitation as amended shall govern. However, the State reserves the right to clarify any contractual relationship in writing, and such written clarification shall govern in case of conflict with the applicable requirements stated in the solicitation as amended or the contractor's proposal. In all other matters not affected by the written clarification, if any, the solicitation shall govern.

**Contract Renewal**

The contract shall not bind nor purport to bind, the State for any contractual commitment in excess of the original contract period. The State shall have the right, at its sole option, to renew the contract for four (4) one-year periods or a portion thereof. If the State exercises such rights, all terms, conditions and provisions of the original contract shall remain the same and apply during the renewal period with the exception of price. The Contractor shall agree that the prices stated in the original contract shall not be increased in excess of the maximum percentage of increase stated on the Pricing Schedule attached to this document.

**Electronic or Information Technology**

Products, services and maintenance shall comply with A.R.S. 41-3531, which requires conformance with the requirements of Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. Failure to comply shall be considered a breach of the Contract.

**Eligible Agencies (Statewide)**

This contract shall be for the use of all State of Arizona departments, agencies, commissions and boards. In addition, eligible universities, political subdivisions and nonprofit educational or public health institutions may participate at their discretion. In order to participate in this contract, a university, political subdivision, or nonprofit educational or public health institution shall have entered into a Cooperative Purchasing Agreement with the Department of Administration, Enterprise Procurement Services as required by Arizona Revised Statutes 41-2632.

**INCLUSIVE OFFEROR**

Offeror(s) are encouraged to make every effort to utilize subcontractors that are small, women-owned and/or minority owned business enterprises. This could include subcontracts for a percentage of Administrative or Billing needs. Offerors who are committing a portion of their work to such subcontractors shall do so by identifying the type of service and work to be performed by providing detail concerning your organization's utilization of small, women-owned and/or minority business enterprises. Emphasis should be placed on specific areas that are subcontracted and percentage of contract utilization and how this effort will be administered and managed, including reporting requirements. If the offeror is a small, women-owned and/or minority owned business enterprise, this information should also be supplied.

**Indefinite Quantity**

This is an indefinite quantity contract for the services specified and effective for the period stated. The quantities of services specified are estimates only and are not purchased by this contract. Delivery or performance shall be made only as authorized by task orders issued in accordance with the Ordering clause. The contractor shall furnish to the State, when and if ordered, the services specified. There is no limit on the number of task orders that may be issued.

**Insurance: Professional Services Contracts****INDEMNIFICATION CLAUSE:**

Contractor shall indemnify, defend, save and hold harmless the State of Arizona, its departments, agencies, boards, commissions, universities and its officers, officials, agents, and employees (hereinafter referred to as 'Indemnitee') from and against any and all claims, actions, liabilities, damages, losses, or expenses (including court costs, attorneys' fees, and costs of claim processing, investigation and litigation) (hereinafter referred to as 'Claims') for bodily injury or personal injury (including death), or loss or damage to tangible or intangible property caused, or alleged to be caused, in whole or in part, by the negligent or willful acts or omissions of Contractor or any of its owners, officers, directors, agents, employees or subcontractors. This indemnity includes any claim or amount arising out of or recovered under the Workers' Compensation Law or arising out of the failure of such contractor to conform to any federal, state or local law, statute, ordinance, rule, regulation or court decree. It is the specific intention of the parties that the Indemnitee shall, in all instances, except for Claims arising solely from the negligent or willful acts or omissions of the Indemnitee, be indemnified by Contractor from and against any and all claims. It is agreed that Contractor will be responsible for primary loss investigation, defense and judgment costs where this indemnification is applicable. In consideration of the award of this contract, the Contractor agrees to waive all rights of subrogation against the State of Arizona, its officers, officials, agents and employees for losses arising from the work performed by the Contractor for the State of Arizona.

This indemnity shall not apply if the contractor or sub-contractor(s) is/are an agency, board, commission or university of the State of Arizona.

**INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS:**

Contractor and subcontractors shall procure and maintain until all of their obligations have been discharged, including any warranty periods under this Contract, are satisfied, insurance against claims for injury to persons or damage to property

which may arise from or in connection with the performance of the work hereunder by the Contractor, his agents, representatives, employees or subcontractors.

The insurance requirements herein are minimum requirements for this Contract and in no way limit the indemnity covenants contained in this Contract. The State of Arizona in no way warrants that the minimum limits contained herein are sufficient to protect the Contractor from liabilities that might arise out of the performance of the work under this contract by the Contractor, its agents, representatives, employees or subcontractors, and Contractor is free to purchase additional insurance.

A. MINIMUM SCOPE AND LIMITS OF INSURANCE: Contractor shall provide coverage with limits of liability not less than those stated below.

1. Commercial General Liability – Occurrence Form

Policy shall include bodily injury, property damage, personal injury and broad form contractual liability coverage.

? General Aggregate: \$2,000,000

? Products ? Completed Operations Aggregate: \$1,000,000

? Personal and Advertising Injury: \$1,000,000

? Blanket Contractual Liability – Written and Oral: \$1,000,000

? Fire Legal Liability: \$50,000

? Each Occurrence: \$1,000,000

a. The policy shall be endorsed to include the following additional insured language: 'The State of Arizona, its departments, agencies, boards, commissions, universities and its officers, officials, agents, and employees shall be named as additional insureds with respect to liability arising out of the activities performed by or on behalf of the Contractor'.

b. Policy shall contain a waiver of subrogation against the State of Arizona, its departments, agencies, boards, commissions, universities and its officers, officials, agents, and employees for losses arising from work performed by or on behalf of the Contractor.

2. Automobile Liability

Bodily Injury and Property Damage for any owned, hired, and/or non-owned vehicles used in the performance of this Contract.

Combined Single Limit (CSL): \$1,000,000

a. The policy shall be endorsed to include the following additional insured language: 'The State of Arizona, its departments, agencies, boards, commissions, universities and its officers, officials, agents, and employees shall be named as additional insureds with respect to liability arising out of the activities performed by or on behalf of the Contractor, involving automobiles owned, leased, hired or borrowed by the Contractor'.

3. Worker's Compensation and Employers' Liability

Workers' Compensation: Statutory

Employers' Liability

Each Accident: \$500,000

Disease ? Each Employee: \$500,000

Disease ? Policy Limit: \$1,000,000

a. Policy shall contain a waiver of subrogation against the State of Arizona, its departments, agencies, boards, commissions, universities and its officers, officials, agents, and employees for losses arising from work performed by or on behalf of the Contractor.

b. This requirement shall not apply to: Separately, EACH contractor or subcontractor exempt under A.R.S. 23-901, AND when such contractor or subcontractor executes the appropriate waiver (Sole Proprietor/Independent Contractor) form.

4. Professional Liability (Errors and Omissions Liability)

Each Claim: \$1,000,000

Annual Aggregate: \$2,000,000

a. In the event that the professional liability insurance required by this Contract is written on a claims-made basis, Contractor warrants that any retroactive date under the policy shall precede the effective date of this Contract; and that either continuous coverage will be maintained or an extended discovery period will be exercised for a period of two (2) years beginning at the time work under this Contract is completed.

b. Policy shall contain a waiver of subrogation against the State of Arizona, its departments, agencies, boards, commissions, universities and its officers, officials, agents, and employees for losses arising from work performed by or on behalf of the Contractor.

c. The policy shall cover professional misconduct or lack of ordinary skill for those positions defined in the Scope of Work of this contract.

B. ADDITIONAL INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS: The policies shall include, or be endorsed to include, the following provisions:

1. The State of Arizona, its departments, agencies, boards, commissions, universities and its officers, officials, agents, and employees wherever additional insured status is required such additional insured shall be covered to the full limits of liability purchased by the Contractor, even if those limits of liability are in excess of those required by this Contract.
2. The Contractor's insurance coverage shall be primary insurance with respect to all other available sources.
3. Coverage provided by the Contractor shall not be limited to the liability assumed under the indemnification provisions of this Contract.

C. NOTICE OF CANCELLATION: Each insurance policy required by the insurance provisions of this Contract shall provide the required coverage and shall not be suspended, voided, canceled, or reduced in coverage or in limits except after thirty (30) days prior written notice has been given to the State of Arizona. Such notice shall be sent directly to (State of Arizona Department Representative's Name AND Address) and shall be sent by certified mail, return receipt requested.

D. ACCEPTABILITY OF INSURERS: Insurance is to be placed with duly licensed or approved non-admitted insurers in the state of Arizona with an A.M. Best? rating of not less than A- VII. The State of Arizona in no way warrants that the above-required minimum insurer rating is sufficient to protect the Contractor from potential insurer insolvency.

E. VERIFICATION OF COVERAGE: Contractor shall furnish the State of Arizona with certificates of insurance (ACORD form or equivalent approved by the State of Arizona) as required by this Contract. The certificates for each insurance policy are to be signed by a person authorized by that insurer to bind coverage on its behalf.

All certificates and endorsements are to be received and approved by the State of Arizona before work commences. Each insurance policy required by this Contract must be in effect at or prior to commencement of work under this Contract and remain in effect for the duration of the project. Failure to maintain the insurance policies as required by this Contract, or to provide evidence of renewal, is a material breach of contract.

All certificates required by this Contract shall be sent directly to (State of Arizona Department Representative's Name and Address). The State of Arizona project/contract number and project description shall be noted on the certificate of insurance. The State of Arizona reserves the right to require complete, certified copies of all insurance policies required by this Contract at any time. DO NOT SEND CERTIFICATES OF INSURANCE TO THE STATE OF ARIZONA'S RISK MANAGEMENT SECTION.

F. SUBCONTRACTORS: Contractors? certificate(s) shall include all subcontractors as insureds under its policies or Contractor shall furnish to the State of Arizona separate certificates and endorsements for each subcontractor. All coverages for subcontractors shall be subject to the minimum requirements identified above.

G. APPROVAL: Any modification or variation from the insurance requirements in this Contract shall be made by the Department of Administration, Risk Management Section, whose decision shall be final. Such action will not require a formal Contract amendment, but may be made by administrative action.

H. EXCEPTIONS: In the event the Contractor or sub-contractor(s) is/are a public entity, then the Insurance Requirements shall not apply. Such public entity shall provide a Certificate of Self-Insurance. If the contractor or sub-contractor(s) is/are a State of Arizona agency, board, commission, or university, none of the above shall apply.

#### **Key Personnel**

It is essential that the contractor provide an adequate staff of experienced personnel, capable of and devoted to the successful accomplishment of work to be performed under this contract. The contractor must assign specific individuals to the key positions. Once assigned to work under the contract, key personnel shall not be removed or replaced without the prior written approval of the issuing agency and a copy to the procurement office of record.

#### **Licenses**

Contractor shall maintain in current status all Federal, State and Local licenses and permits required for the operation of a business conducted by the contractor. All Professional Architects and Engineers shall be registered with the Board of Technical Registration.

#### **Multiple Awards**

In order to ensure adequate coverage of the requirements of various user agencies, multiple awards may be made.

#### **Non-Discrimination**

The Contractor shall comply with Executive Order 99-4, which mandates that all persons, regardless of race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin or political affiliation, shall have equal access to employment opportunities and all other applicable State and Federal employment laws, rules, and regulations, including the Americans with Disabilities Act. The Contractor shall take affirmative action to ensure that applicants for employment and employees are not discriminated against due to race, creed, color, religion, sex, national origin or disability.

#### **Offer Acceptance Period**

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**Offshore Performance of Work Prohibited**

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**Ordering**

Any services to be furnished under this contract shall be ordered by issuance of task orders by the Agency. Such orders may be issued from effective date of contract award. All task orders are subject to the terms and conditions of this contract. In the event of conflict between a task order and this contract, the contract shall control. All task orders shall cite this contract number.

**Ownership**

All deliverables and/or other products of the contract (including but not limited to all software documentation, reports, records, summaries and other matter and materials prepared or developed by the contractor in performance of the contract) shall be the sole, absolute and exclusive property of the State of Arizona, free from any claim or retention of right on the part of the contractor, its agents, sub-contractors, officers or employees.

**Payment**

The contractor shall submit to the issuing agency, after completion of the task or combination of tasks listed by the issuing agency. Each task order, a statement of charges for the work completed under that task order, in conformance with the pricing schedule of this contract, the issuing agency shall process the claim for prompt payment in accordance with the standard operating procedures of the state.

**Pricing**

Pricing must be submitted in an all inclusive hourly basis. The State will not reimburse any item other than the all inclusive hourly rate multiplied times the number of hours actually worked.

**Program Monitoring**

The CONTRACTOR agrees to meet with COMMERCE at reasonable intervals for purposes of review of the work and progress of the activities of the CONTRACTOR. CONTRACTOR hereby agree to provide COMMERCE with all required forms, information, reports and documentation and Employment Eligibility Verification forms (Form I-9), pursuant to the Immigration Reform and Control Act, including U.S. citizens.

**Requirements Contract**

This is a requirements contract for the services specified, and effective for the period stated. The quantities of service specified are estimates only and are not purchased by this contract.

1. Task performance shall be made only as authorized by task orders issued in accordance with the Ordering clause. Subject to any limitations elsewhere in this contract, the contractor shall furnish to Agency services specified and called for by task orders issued in accordance with the Ordering clause.
2. Any order issued during the effective period of this contract and not completed within that period shall be completed by the Contractor within the time specified in the task order. Task orders may be amended.

**Subcontracts**

The contractor may, with the consent of the State, enter into written subcontract(s) for performance of certain of its functions under the contract. The Commerce Procurement Office prior to the effective date of any subcontract must approve subcontractors in writing.

1. No subcontract that the contractor enters into with respect to performance under the contract shall in any way relieve the contractor of any responsibility for performance of its duties.
2. The contractor shall give the Commerce Procurement Office immediate notice in writing by certified mail of any action or suit filed and prompt notice of any claim made against the contractor by any subcontractor or vendor which in the opinion of the contractor may result in litigation related in any way to the contract with the State.

**Suspension or Debarment Certification**

By signing the offer section of the Offer and Acceptance page, SPO Form 203, the bidder or offeror certifies that the firm, business or person submitting the bid or offer has not been debarred, suspended or otherwise lawfully precluded from participating in any public procurement activity with any Federal, State or Local Government. Signing the offer section without disclosing all pertinent information about a debarment or suspension shall result in rejection of the bid or offer or cancellation of a contract. The State also may exercise any other remedy available by law.

**Suspension or Debarment Status**

If the firm, business or person submitting this bid or offer has been debarred, suspended or otherwise lawfully precluded from participating in any public procurement activity with any Federal, State or Local Government, the bidder or offeror must include a letter with its bid or offer setting forth the name and address of the governmental unit, the effective date of the suspension or debarment, the duration of the suspension or debarment, and the relevant circumstances relating to the suspension or debarment. Failure to supply the letter or to disclose in the letter all pertinent information regarding a



suspension or debarment shall result in rejection of the bid or offer or cancellation of a contract. The State also may exercise any other remedy available by law.

**Term of Contract (One Year)**

The term of the contract shall for a 1-year period, unless terminated, canceled, or extended as otherwise provided herein. The contract shall commence the date specified in the contract summary section contained herein and/or as specified in any contract award notifications issued by the State Procurement Office.

**Termination for Convenience**

The State reserves the right to terminate the Contract, in whole or in part at any time, when in the best interests of the State without penalty or recourse. Upon receipt of the written notice, the Contractor shall stop all work, as directed in the notice, notify all subcontractors of the effective date of the termination and minimize all further costs to the State. In the event of termination under this paragraph, all documents, data and reports prepared by the Contractor under the Contract shall become the property of and be delivered to the State upon demand. The Contractor shall be entitled to receive just and equitable compensation for work in progress, work completed and materials accepted before the effective date of the termination. The cost principles and procedures provided in A.A.C. R2-7-701 shall apply.

**Travel**

When requested, in writing, from the Using Agency to perform work that requires overnight accommodations, the Using Agency will reimburse the contractor in accordance with the current rates specified in the Rules and Regulations applicable to State employee's travel. The contractor shall itemize all per diem and lodging charges. State rates may be located at [www.gao.state.az.us](http://www.gao.state.az.us).

**Waiver and Rejection of Rights**

Notwithstanding any other provision of the solicitation, the State reserves the right to waive any immaterial defect or informality ; Reject any and all offers or portions thereof ; or Cancel a solicitation. The chief procurement officer shall file a written determination specifying the reasons for the decision.

# Contract

Solicitation # SCC060001-A1

## Uniform Instructions

### 1 Definition of Terms

As used in these Instructions, the terms listed below are defined as follows:

#### 1.2 Contract

the combination of the Solicitation, including the Uniform and Special Instructions to Offerors, the Uniform and Special Terms and Conditions, and the Specifications and Statement of Scope of Work; the Offer and any Best and Final Offers, and any Solicitation Amendments or Contract Amendments and any terms applied by law.

#### 1.3 Contract Amendment

a written document signed by the Procurement Officer that is issued for the purpose of making changes in the Contract.

#### 1.4 Contractor

any person who has a Contract with the State

#### 1.5 Days

calendar days unless otherwise specified.

#### 1.6 Exhibit

any item labeled as an Exhibit in the Solicitation or placed in the Exhibits section of the Solicitation

#### 1.7 Offer

bid, proposal or quotation.

#### 1.8 Offeror

a vendor who responds to a Solicitation.

#### 1.9 Procurement Officer

the person, or his or her designee, duly authorized by the State to enter into and administer Contracts and make written determinations with respect to the Contract.

#### 1.10 Solicitation

an Invitation for Bids ('IFB'), a Request for Proposals ('RFP'), or a Request for Quotations ('RFQ').

#### 1.11 Solicitation Amendment

a written document that is signed by the Procurement Officer and issued for the purpose of making changes to the Solicitation.

#### 1.12 Subcontract

means any Contract, express or implied, between the Contractor and another party or between a subcontractor and another party delegating or assigning, in whole or in part, the making or furnishing of any material or any service required for the performance of the Contract.

#### 1.13 State

the State of Arizona and Department or Agency of the State that executes the Contract.

### 2 Inquiries

Inquiries

#### 2.1 Duty to Examine

It is the responsibility of each Offeror to examine the entire Solicitation, seek clarification in writing (inquiries), and examine its Offer for accuracy before submitting the Offer. Lack of care in preparing an Offer shall not be grounds for modifying or withdrawing the Offer after the Offer due date and time, nor shall it give rise to any Contract claim.

#### 2.2 Solicitation Contact Person

Any inquiry related to a Solicitation, including any requests for or inquiries regarding standards referenced in the Solicitation, shall be directed solely to the Solicitation contact person. The Offeror shall not contact or direct inquiries concerning this Solicitation to any other State employee unless the Solicitation specifically identifies a person other than the Solicitation contact person as a contact.

#### 2.3 Submission of Inquiries

The Procurement Officer or the person identified in the Solicitation as the contact for inquiries may except at the Pre-Offer Conference, require that an inquiry be submitted in writing. Any inquiry related to a Solicitation shall refer to the appropriate Solicitation number, page and paragraph. Do not place the Solicitation number on the outside of the envelope containing that inquiry, since it may then be identified as an Offer and not be opened until after the Offer due date and time. The State shall consider the relevancy of the inquiry but is not required to respond in writing.

#### 2.4 Timeliness

Any inquiry or exception to the solicitation shall be submitted as soon as possible and should be submitted at least seven days before the Offer due date and time for review and determination by the State. Failure to do so may result in the inquiry not being considered for a Solicitation Amendment.

#### 2.5 No Right to Rely on Verbal Responses

An offeror shall not rely on verbal responses to inquiries. A verbal reply to an inquiry does not constitute a modification of the

solicitation.

**2.6 Solicitation Amendments**

The Solicitation shall only be modified by a Solicitation Amendment.

**2.7 Pre-Offer Conference**

If a pre-Offer conference has been scheduled under this Solicitation, the date, time and location shall appear on the Solicitation cover sheet or elsewhere in the Solicitation. Offerors should raise any questions about the Solicitation or the procurement at that time. An Offeror may not rely on any verbal responses to questions at the conference. Material issues raised at the conference that result in changes to the Solicitation shall be answered solely through a written Solicitation Amendment.

**2.8 Persons With Disabilities**

Persons with a disability may request a reasonable accommodation, such as a sign language interpreter, by contacting the Solicitation contact person. Requests shall be made as early as possible to allow time to arrange the accommodation.

**3 Offer Preparation**

Offer Preparation

**3.1 Forms: No Facsimile, Telegraphic or Electronic Mail Offers**

Telegraphic or Electronic Mail Offers. An Offer shall be submitted either on the forms provided in this Solicitation or their substantial equivalent. Any substitute document for the forms provided in this Solicitation must be legible and contain the same information requested on the forms, unless the solicitation indicates otherwise. A facsimile, telegraphic, mailgram or electronic mail Offer shall be rejected if submitted in response to requests for proposals or invitations for bids, unless the solicitation indicates otherwise.

**3.2 Typed or Ink; Corrections**

The Offer shall be typed or in ink. Erasures, interlineations or other modifications in the Offer shall be initialed in ink by the person signing the Offer. Modifications shall not be permitted after Offers have been opened except as otherwise provided under applicable law.

**3.3 Evidence of Intent to be Bound**

The Offer and Acceptance form within the Solicitation shall be submitted with the Offer and shall include a signature (or acknowledgement for electronic submissions, when authorized) by a person authorized to sign the Offer. The signature shall signify the Offeror's intent to be bound by the Offer and the terms of the Solicitation and that the information provided is true, accurate and complete. Failure to submit verifiable evidence of an intent to be bound, such as an original signature, shall result in rejection of the Offer.

**3.4 Exceptions to Terms and Conditions**

All exceptions included with the Offer shall be submitted in a clearly identified separate section of the Offer in which the Offeror clearly identifies the specific paragraphs of the Solicitation where the exceptions occur. Any exceptions not included in such a section shall be without force and effect in any resulting Contract unless such exception is specifically accepted by the Procurement Officer in a written statement. The Offeror's preprinted or standard terms will not be considered by the State as a part of any resulting Contract.

i. Invitation for Bids. An Offer that takes exception to a material requirement of any part of the Solicitation, including terms and conditions, shall be rejected. [ALL]

ii. Request for Proposals. All exceptions that are contained in the Offer may negatively affect the State's proposal evaluation based on the evaluation criteria stated in the Solicitation or result in rejection of the Offer. An offer that takes exception to any material requirement of the solicitation may be rejected.

**3.5 Subcontracts**

Offeror shall clearly list any proposed subcontractors and the subcontractor's proposed responsibilities in the Offer.

**3.6 Cost of Offer Preparation**

The State will not reimburse any Offeror the cost of responding to a Solicitation.

**3.7 Solicitation Amendments**

Each Solicitation Amendment shall be signed with an original signature by the person signing the Offer, and shall be submitted no later than the Offer due date and time. Failure to return a signed (or acknowledgment for electronic submission, when authorized) copy of a Solicitation Amendment may result in rejection of the Offer.

**3.8 Federal Excise Tax**

The State of Arizona is exempt from certain Federal Excise Tax on manufactured goods. Exemption Certificates will be provided by the State.

**3.9 Provision of Tax Identification Numbers**

Offerors are required to provide their Arizona Transaction Privilege Tax Number and/or Federal Tax Identification number in the space provided on the Offer and Acceptance Form.

**3.10 Employee Identification**

Offeror agrees to provide an employee identification number or social security number to the State for the purposes of reporting to appropriate taxing authorities, monies paid by the State under this contract. If the federal identifier of the offeror is a social security number, this number is being requested solely for tax reporting purposes and will be shared only with

appropriate state and federal officials. This submission is mandatory under 26 U.S.C. § 6041A.

**3.11 Identification of Taxes in Offer**

The State of Arizona is subject to all applicable state and local transaction privilege taxes. All applicable taxes shall be identified as a separate item offered in the solicitation when applicable, the tax rate and amount shall be identified on the price sheet. At all times, payment of taxes and the determination of applicable taxes are the sole responsibility of the contractor.

**3.12 Disclosure**

If the firm, business or person submitting this Offer has been debarred, suspended or otherwise lawfully precluded from participating in any public procurement activity, including being disapproved as a subcontractor with any Federal, state or local government, or if any such preclusion from participation from any public procurement activity is currently pending, the Offeror shall fully explain the circumstances relating to the preclusion or proposed preclusion in the Offer. The Offeror shall include a letter with its Offer setting forth the name and address of the governmental unit, the effective date of this suspension or debarment, the duration of the suspension or debarment, and the relevant circumstances relating to the suspension or debarment. If suspension or debarment is currently pending, a detailed description of all relevant circumstances including the details enumerated above shall be provided.

**3.13 Solicitation Order of Precedence**

In the event of a conflict in the provisions of this Solicitation, the following shall prevail in the order set forth below:

3.13.1 Special Terms and Conditions;

3.13.2 Uniform Terms and Conditions;

3.13.3 Statement or Scope of Work;

3.13.4 Specifications;

3.13.5 Attachments;

3.13.6 Exhibits;

3.13.7 Special Instructions to Offerors;

3.13.8 Uniform Instructions to Offerors. 3.13.9 Other documents referenced or included in the Solicitation.

**3.14 Delivery**

Unless stated otherwise in the Solicitation, all prices shall be F.O.B. Destination and shall include all freight, delivery and unloading at the destination(s).

**4 Submission of Offer**

Submission of Offer

**4.1 Sealed Envelope or Package**

Except for electronic submissions, when authorized, each Offer shall be submitted to the submittal location identified in this Solicitation. Offers should be submitted in a sealed envelope or container. The envelope or container should be clearly identified with name of the Offeror and Solicitation number. The State may open envelopes or containers to identify contents if the envelope or container is not clearly identified.

**4.2 Offer Amendment or Withdrawal**

An Offer may not be amended or withdrawn after the Offer due date and time except as otherwise provided under applicable law.

**4.3 Public Record**

All Offers submitted and opened are public records and must be retained by the State. Offers shall be open to public inspection after Contract award, except for such Offers deemed to be confidential by the State. If an Offeror believes that information in its Offer should remain confidential, it shall indicate as confidential the specific information and submit a statement with its Offer detailing the reasons that the information should not be disclosed. Such reasons shall include the specific harm or prejudice which may arise. The State shall determine whether the identified information is confidential pursuant to the Arizona Procurement Code.

**4.4 Non-collusion, Employment, and Services**

By signing the Offer and Acceptance Form or other official contract form, the Offeror certifies that:

4.4.1 i. The Offeror did not engage in collusion or other anti-competitive practices in connection with the preparation or submission of its Offer; and

4.4.2 ii. The Offeror does not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment or person to whom it provides services because of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, or disability, and that it complies with all applicable Federal, state and local laws and executive orders regarding employment.

**5 Evaluation**

Evaluation

1. Experience, Expertise, Reliability (Offeror and Key Personnel)

2. Methodology and Approach

3. Cost

4. Overall responsiveness to the RFP

**5.1 Unit Price Prevails**

In the case of discrepancy between the unit price or rate and the extension of that unit price or rate, the unit price or rate shall govern.

**5.2 Taxes**

Arizona transaction privilege and use taxes shall not be considered for evaluation.

**5.3 Late Offers**

An Offer submitted after the exact Offer due date and time shall be rejected.

**5.4 Disqualification**

An Offeror (including any of its' principals) who is currently debarred, suspended or otherwise lawfully prohibited from any public procurement activity shall have its offer rejected.

**5.5 Offer Acceptance Period**

An Offeror submitting an Offer under this Solicitation shall hold its Offer open for the number of days from the Offer due date that is stated in the Solicitation. If the Solicitation does not specifically state a number of days for Offer acceptance, the number of days shall be one hundred–twenty (120). If a Best and Final Offer is requested pursuant to a Request for Proposals, an Offeror shall hold its Offer open for one hundred–twenty (120) days from the Best and Final Offer due date.

**5.6 Waiver and Rejection Rights**

Notwithstanding any other provision of the Solicitation, the State reserves the right to:

5.6.1 Waive any minor informality;

5.6.2 Reject any and all Offers or portions thereof; or

5.6.3 Cancel the Solicitation.

**6 Award**

Award

**6.1 Number or Types of Awards**

The State reserves the right to make multiple awards or to award a Contract by individual line items or alternatives, by group of line items or alternatives, or to make an aggregate award, or regional awards, whichever is most advantageous to the State. If the Procurement Officer determines that an aggregate award to one Offeror is not in the State's best interest, 'all or none' Offers shall be rejected.

**6.2 Contract Inception**

An Offer does not constitute a Contract nor does it confer any rights on the Offeror to the award of a Contract. A Contract is not created until the Offer is accepted in writing by the Procurement Officer's signature on the Offer and Acceptance Form. A notice of award or of the intent to award shall not constitute acceptance of the Offer.

**6.3 Effective Date**

The effective date of this Contract shall be the date that the Procurement Officer signs the Offer and Acceptance form or other official contract form, unless another date is specifically stated in the Contract.

**7 Protests**

A protest shall comply with and be resolved according to Arizona Revised Statutes Title 41, Chapter 23, Article 9 and rules adopted thereunder. Protests shall be in writing and be filed with both the Procurement Officer of the purchasing agency and with the State Procurement Administrator. A protest of a Solicitation shall be received by the Procurement Officer before the Offer due date. A protest of a proposed award or of an award shall be filed within ten (10) days after the protester knows or should have known the basis of the protest. A protest shall include:

7.1 The name, address and telephone number of the protester;

7.2 The signature of the protester or its representative;

7.3 Identification of the purchasing agency and the Solicitation or Contract number;

7.4 A detailed statement of the legal and factual grounds of the protest including copies of relevant documents; and

7.5 The form of relief requested.

**8 Comments Welcome**

The State Procurement Office periodically reviews the Uniform Instructions to Offerors and welcomes any comments you may have. Please submit your comments to: State Procurement Administrator, State Procurement Office, 100 North 15th Avenue, Suite 104, Phoenix, Arizona, 85007.

# Contract

Solicitation # SCC060001-A1

## Uniform Terms and Conditions

### 1 Definition of Terms

As used in this Solicitation and any resulting Contract, the terms listed below are defined as follows:

#### 1.1 Attachment

any item the Solicitation requires the Offeror to submit as part of the Offer.

#### 1.2 Contract

the combination of the Solicitation, including the Uniform and Special Instructions to Offerors, the Uniform and Special Terms and Conditions, and the Specifications and Statement of Scope of Work; the Offer and any Best and Final Offers; and any Solicitation Amendments or Contract Amendments.

#### 1.3 Contract Amendment

a written document signed by the Procurement Officer that is issued for the purpose of making changes in the Contract.

#### 1.4 Contractor

any person who has a Contract with the State.

#### 1.5 Days

calendar days unless otherwise specified

#### 1.6 Exhibit

any item labeled as an Exhibit in the Solicitation or placed in the Exhibits section of the Solicitation.

#### 1.7 Gratuity

a payment, loan, subscription, advance, deposit of money, services, or anything of more than nominal value, present or promised, unless consideration of substantially equal or greater value is received.

#### 1.8 Materials

all property, including equipment, supplies, printing, insurance and leases of property but does not include land, a permanent interest in land or real property or leasing space.

#### 1.9 Procurement Officer

the person, or his or her designee, duly authorized by the State to enter into and administer Contracts and make written determinations with respect to the Contract.

#### 1.10 Services

the furnishing of labor, time or effort by a contractor or subcontractor which does not involve the delivery of a specific end product other than required reports and performance, but does not include employment agreements or collective bargaining agreements.

#### 1.11 Subcontract

any Contract, express or implied, between the Contractor and another party or between a subcontractor and another party delegating or assigning, in whole or in part, the making or furnishing of any material or any service required for the performance of the Contract.

#### 1.12 State

the State of Arizona and Department or Agency of the State that executes the Contract.

#### 1.13 State Fiscal Year

the period beginning with July 1 and ending June 30,

### 2 Contract Interpretation

Contract Interpretation

#### 2.1 Arizona Law

The Arizona law applies to this Contract including, where applicable, the Uniform Commercial Code as adopted by the State of Arizona and the Arizona Procurement Code, Arizona Revised Statutes (A.R.S.) Title 41, Chapter 23, and its implementing rules, Arizona Administrative Code (A.A.C.) Title 2, Chapter 7.

#### 2.2 Implied Contract Terms

Each provision of law and any terms required by law to be in this Contract are a part of this Contract as if fully stated in it.

#### 2.3 Contract Order of Precedence

In the event of a conflict in the provisions of the Contract, as accepted by the State and as they may be amended, the following shall prevail in the order set forth below:

2.3.1 Special Terms and Conditions;

2.3.2 Uniform Terms and Conditions;

2.3.3 Statement of Scope of Work;

2.3.4 Specifications;

2.3.5 Attachments;

2.3.6 Exhibits;

2.3.7 Documents referenced or included in the Solicitation.

#### 2.4 Relationship of Parties

The Contractor under this Contract is an independent Contractor. Neither party to this Contract shall be deemed to be the employee or agent of the other party to the Contract.

**2.5 Severability**

The provisions of this Contract are severable. Any term or condition deemed illegal or invalid shall not affect any other term or condition of the Contract.

**2.6 No Parole Evidence**

This Contract is intended by the parties as a final and complete expression of their agreement. No course of prior dealings between the parties and no usage of the trade shall supplement or explain any terms used in this document and no other understanding either oral or in writing shall be binding.

**2.7 No Waiver**

Either party's failure to insist on strict performance of any term or condition of the Contract shall not be deemed a waiver of that term or condition even if the party accepting or acquiescing in the nonconforming performance knows of the nature of the performance and fails to object to it.

**3 Contract Administration and Operation**

Contract Administration and Operation.

**3.1 Records**

Under A.R.S. § 35–214 and § 35–215, the Contractor shall retain and shall contractually require each subcontractor to retain all data and other 'records' relating to the acquisition and performance of the Contract for a period of five years after the completion of the Contract. All records shall be subject to inspection and audit by the State at reasonable times. Upon request, the Contractor shall produce a legible copy of any or all such records.

**3.2 Non-Discrimination**

The Contractor shall comply with State Executive Order No. 99–4 and all other applicable Federal and State laws, rules and regulations, including the Americans with Disabilities Act.

**3.3 Audit**

Pursuant to ARS § 35–214, at any time during the term of this Contract and five (5) years thereafter, the Contractor's or any subcontractor's books and records shall be subject to audit by the State and, where applicable, the Federal Government, to the extent that the books and records relate to the performance of the Contract or Subcontract.

**3.4 Facilities Inspection and Materials Testing**

The Contractor agrees to permit access to its facilities, subcontractor facilities and the Contractor's processes or services, at reasonable times for inspection of the facilities or materials covered under this Contract. The State shall also have the right to test, at its own cost, the materials to be supplied under this Contract. Neither inspection of the Contractor's facilities nor materials testing shall constitute final acceptance of the materials or services. If the State determines non-compliance of the materials, the Contractor shall be responsible for the payment of all costs incurred by the State for testing and inspection.

**3.5 Notices**

Notices to the Contractor required by this Contract shall be made by the State to the person indicated on the Offer and Acceptance form submitted by the Contractor unless otherwise stated in the Contract. Notices to the State required by the Contract shall be made by the Contractor to the Solicitation Contact Person indicated on the Solicitation cover sheet, unless otherwise stated in the Contract. An authorized Procurement Officer and an authorized Contractor representative may change their respective person to whom notice shall be given by written notice to the other and an amendment to the Contract shall not be necessary.

**3.6 Advertising, Publishing and Promotion of Contract**

The Contractor shall not use, advertise or promote information for commercial benefit concerning this Contract without the prior written approval of the Procurement Officer.

**3.7 Property of the State**

Any materials, including reports, computer programs and other deliverables, created under this Contract are the sole property of the State. The Contractor is not entitled to a patent or copyright on those materials and may not transfer the patent or copyright to anyone else. The Contractor shall not use or release these materials without the prior written consent of the State.

**3.8 Ownership of Intellectual Property**

Any and all intellectual property, including but not limited to copyright, invention, trademark, tradename, service mark, and/or trade secrets created or conceived pursuant to or as a result of this contract and any related subcontract ('Intellectual Property'), shall be work made for hire and the State shall be considered the creator of such Intellectual Property. The agency, department, division, board or commission of the State of Arizona requesting the issuance of this contract shall own (for and on behalf of the State) the entire right, title and interest to the Intellectual Property throughout the world. Contractor shall notify the State, within thirty (30) days, of the creation of any Intellectual Property by it or its subcontractor(s).

Contractor, on behalf of itself and any subcontractor (s), agrees to execute any and all document(s) necessary to assure ownership of the Intellectual Property vests in the State and shall take no affirmative actions that might have the effect of vesting all or part of the Intellectual Property in any entity other than the State. The Intellectual Property shall not be disclosed by contractor or its subcontractor(s) to any entity not the State without the express written authorization of the agency, department, division, board or commission of the State of Arizona requesting the issuance of this contract.

**4 Costs and Payments**

Costs and Payments

#### **4.1 Payments**

Payments shall comply with the requirements of A.R.S. Titles 35 and 41, Net 30 days. Upon receipt and acceptance of goods or services, the Contractor shall submit a complete and accurate invoice for payment from the State within thirty (30) days.

#### **4.2 Delivery**

Unless stated otherwise in the Contract, all prices shall be F.O.B. Destination and shall include all freight delivery and unloading at the destination.

#### **4.3 Applicable Taxes**

4.3.1 Payment of Taxes. The Contractor shall be responsible for paying all applicable taxes.

4.3.2 State and Local Transaction Privilege Taxes. The State of Arizona is subject to all applicable state and local transaction privilege taxes. Transaction privilege taxes apply to the sale and are the responsibility of the seller to remit. Failure to collect such taxes from the buyer does not relieve the seller from its obligation to remit taxes.

4.3.3 Tax Indemnification. Contractor and all subcontractors shall pay all Federal, state and local taxes applicable to its operation and any persons employed by the Contractor. Contractor shall, and require all subcontractors to hold the State harmless from any responsibility for taxes, damages and interest, if applicable, contributions required under Federal, and/or state and local laws and regulations and any other costs including transaction privilege taxes, unemployment compensation insurance, Social Security and Worker's Compensation.

4.3.4 IRS W9 Form. In order to receive payment the Contractor shall have a current I.R.S. W9 Form on file with the State of Arizona, unless not required by law.

#### **4.4 Availability of Funds for the Next State Fiscal Year**

Funds may not presently be available for performance under this Contract beyond the current state fiscal year. No legal liability on the part of the State for any payment may arise under this Contract beyond the current state fiscal year until funds are made available for performance of this Contract.

#### **4.5 Availability of Funds for the Current State Fiscal Year**

Should the State Legislature enter back into session and reduce the appropriations or for any reason and these goods or services are not funded, the State may take any of the following actions:

4.5.1 Accept a decrease in price offered by the contractor;

4.5.2 Cancel the Contract

4.5.3 Cancel the contract and re-solicit the requirements.

### **5 Contract Changes**

Contract Changes

#### **5.1 Amendments**

This Contract is issued under the authority of the Procurement Officer who signed this Contract. The Contract may be modified only through a Contract Amendment within the scope of the Contract. Changes to the Contract, including the addition of work or materials, the revision of payment terms, or the substitution of work or materials, directed by a person who is not specifically authorized by the procurement officer in writing or made unilaterally by the Contractor are violations of the Contract and of applicable law. Such changes, including unauthorized written Contract Amendments shall be void and without effect, and the Contractor shall not be entitled to any claim under this Contract based on those changes.

#### **5.2 Subcontracts**

The Contractor shall not enter into any Subcontract under this Contract for the performance of this contract without the advance written approval of the Procurement Officer. The Contractor shall clearly list any proposed subcontractors and the subcontractor's proposed responsibilities. The Subcontract shall incorporate by reference the terms and conditions of this Contract.

#### **5.3 Assignment and Delegation**

The Contractor shall not assign any right nor delegate any duty under this Contract without the prior written approval of the Procurement Officer. The State shall not unreasonably withhold approval.

### **6 Risk and Liability**

Risk and Liability

#### **6.1 Risk of Loss**

The Contractor shall bear all loss of conforming material covered under this Contract until received by authorized personnel at the location designated in the purchase order or Contract. Mere receipt does not constitute final acceptance. The risk of loss for nonconforming materials shall remain with the Contractor regardless of receipt.

#### **6.2 Indemnification**

6.2.1 Contractor/Vendor Indemnification (Not Public Agency) The parties to this contract agree that the State of Arizona, its' departments, agencies, boards and commissions shall be indemnified and held harmless by the contractor for the vicarious liability of the State as a result of entering into this contract. However, the parties further agree that the State of Arizona, its' departments, agencies, boards and commissions shall be responsible for its' own negligence. Each party to this contract is responsible for its' own negligence.

6.2.2 Public Agency Language Only Each party (as 'indemnitor') agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the other party (as 'indemnitee') from and against any and all claims, losses, liability, costs, or expenses (including reasonable



attorney's fees) (hereinafter collectively referred to as 'claims') arising out of bodily injury of any person (including death) or property damage but only to the extent that such claims which result in vicarious/derivative liability to the indemnitee, are caused by the act, omission, negligence, misconduct, or other fault of the indemnitor, its' officers, officials, agents, employees, or volunteers.'

### **6.3 Indemnification – Patent and Copyright**

The Contractor shall indemnify and hold harmless the State against any liability, including costs and expenses, for infringement of any patent, trademark or copyright arising out of Contract performance or use by the State of materials furnished or work performed under this Contract. The State shall reasonably notify the Contractor of any claim for which it may be liable under this paragraph. If the contractor is insured pursuant to A.R.S. § 41–621 and § 35–154, this section shall not apply.

### **6.4 Force Majeure**

6.4.1 Except for payment of sums due, neither party shall be liable to the other nor deemed in default under this Contract if and to the extent that such party's performance of this Contract is prevented by reason of force majeure. The term 'force majeure' means an occurrence that is beyond the control of the party affected and occurs without its fault or negligence. Without limiting the foregoing, force majeure includes acts of God; acts of the public enemy; war; riots; strikes; mobilization; labor disputes; civil disorders; fire; flood; lockouts; injunctions–intervention–acts; or failures or refusals to act by government authority; and other similar occurrences beyond the control of the party declaring force majeure which such party is unable to prevent by exercising reasonable diligence.

6.4.2 Force Majeure shall not include the following occurrences:

6.4.2.1 Late delivery of equipment or materials caused by congestion at a manufacturer's plant or elsewhere, or an oversold condition of the market;

6.4.2.2 Late performance by a subcontractor unless the delay arises out of a force majeure occurrence in accordance with this force majeure term and condition; or

6.4.2.3 Inability of either the Contractor or any subcontractor to acquire or maintain any required insurance, bonds, licenses or permits.

6.4.3 If either party is delayed at any time in the progress of the work by force majeure, the delayed party shall notify the other party in writing of such delay, as soon as is practicable and no later than the following working day, of the commencement thereof and shall specify the causes of such delay in such notice. Such notice shall be delivered or mailed certified–return receipt and shall make a specific reference to this article, thereby invoking its provisions. The delayed party shall cause such delay to cease as soon as practicable and shall notify the other party in writing when it has done so. The time of completion shall be extended by Contract Amendment for a period of time equal to the time that results or effects of such delay prevent the delayed party from performing in accordance with this Contract.

6.4.4 Any delay or failure in performance by either party hereto shall not constitute default hereunder or give rise to any claim for damages or loss of anticipated profits if, and to the extent that such delay or failure is caused by force majeure.

### **6.5 Third Party Antitrust Violations**

The Contractor assigns to the State any claim for overcharges resulting from antitrust violations to the extent that those violations concern materials or services supplied by third parties to the Contractor, toward fulfillment of this Contract.

## **7 Warranties**

Warranties

### **7.1 Liens**

The Contractor warrants that the materials supplied under this Contract are free of liens and shall remain free of liens.

### **7.2 Quality**

Unless otherwise modified elsewhere in these terms and conditions, the Contractor warrants that, for one year after acceptance by the State of the materials, they shall be:

7.2.1 Of a quality to pass without objection in the trade under the Contract description;

7.2.2 Fit for the intended purposes for which the materials are used;

7.2.3 Within the variations permitted by the Contract and are of even kind, quantity, and quality within each unit and among all units;

7.2.4 Adequately contained, packaged and marked as the Contract may require; and

7.2.5 Conform to the written promises or affirmations of fact made by the Contractor.

### **7.3 Fitness**

The Contractor warrants that any material supplied to the State shall fully conform to all requirements of the Contract and all representations of the Contractor, and shall be fit for all purposes and uses required by the Contract.

### **7.4 Inspection/Testing**

The warranties set forth in subparagraphs 7.1 through 7.3 of this paragraph are not affected by inspection or testing of or payment for the materials by the State.

### **7.5 Year 2000**

7.5.1 Notwithstanding any other warranty or disclaimer of warranty in this Contract, the Contractor warrants that all products delivered and all services rendered under this Contract shall comply in all respects to performance and delivery requirements of the specifications and shall not be adversely affected by any date-related data Year 2000 issues. This warranty shall survive the expiration or termination of this Contract. In addition, the defense of force majeure shall not apply to the Contractor's failure to perform specification requirements as a result of any date-related data Year 2000 issues.

7.5.2 Additionally, notwithstanding any other warranty or disclaimer of warranty in this Contract, the Contractor warrants that each hardware, software, and firmware product delivered under this Contract shall be able to accurately process date/time data (including but not limited to calculation, comparing, and sequencing) from, into, and between the twentieth and twenty-first centuries, and the years 1999 and 2000 and leap year calculations, to the extent that other information technology utilized by the State in combination with the information technology being acquired under this Contract properly exchanges date-time data with it. If this Contract requires that the information technology products being acquired perform as a system, or that the information technology products being acquired perform as a system in combination with other State information technology, then this warranty shall apply to the acquired products as a system. The remedies available to the State for breach of this warranty shall include, but shall not be limited to, repair and replacement of the information technology products delivered under this Contract. In addition, the defense of force majeure shall not apply to the failure of the Contractor to perform any specification requirements as a result of any date-related data Year 2000 issues.

### **7.6 Compliance With Applicable Laws**

The materials and services supplied under this Contract shall comply with all applicable Federal, state and local laws, and the Contractor shall maintain all applicable license and permit requirements.

### **7.7 Survival of Rights and Obligations after Contract Expiration or Termination**

7.7.1 Contractor's Representations and Warranties. All representations and warranties made by the Contractor under this Contract shall survive the expiration or termination hereof. In addition, the parties hereto acknowledge that pursuant to A.R.S. § 12-510, except as provided in A.R.S. § 12-529, the State is not subject to or barred by any limitations of actions prescribed in A.R.S., Title 12, Chapter 5.

7.7.2 Purchase Orders. The Contractor shall, in accordance with all terms and conditions of the Contract, fully perform and shall be obligated to comply with all purchase orders received by the Contractor prior to the expiration or termination hereof, unless otherwise directed in writing by the Procurement Officer, including, without limitation, all purchase orders received prior to but not fully performed and satisfied at the expiration or termination of this Contract.

## **8 State's Contractual Remedies**

State's Contractual Remedies

### **8.1 Right to Assurance**

If the State in good faith has reason to believe that the Contractor does not intend to, or is unable to perform or continue performing under this Contract, the Procurement Officer may demand in writing that the Contractor give a written assurance of intent to perform. Failure by the Contractor to provide written assurance within the number of Days specified in the demand may, at the State's option, be the basis for terminating the Contract under the Uniform Terms and Conditions or other rights and remedies available by law or provided by the contract.

### **8.2 Stop Work Order**

8.2.1 The State may, at any time, by written order to the Contractor, require the Contractor to stop all or any part, of the work called for by this Contract for period(s) of days indicated by the State after the order is delivered to the Contractor. The order shall be specifically identified as a stop work order issued under this clause. Upon receipt of the order, the Contractor shall immediately comply with its terms and take all reasonable steps to minimize the incurrence of costs allocable to the work covered by the order during the period of work stoppage.

8.2.2 If a stop work order issued under this clause is canceled or the period of the order or any extension expires, the Contractor shall resume work. The Procurement Officer shall make an equitable adjustment in the delivery schedule or Contract price, or both, and the Contract shall be amended in writing accordingly.

### **8.3 Non-exclusive Remedies**

The rights and the remedies of the State under this Contract are not exclusive.

### **8.4 Nonconforming Tender**

Materials or services supplied under this Contract shall fully comply with the Contract. The delivery of materials or services or a portion of the materials or services that do not fully comply constitutes a breach of contract. On delivery of nonconforming materials or services, the State may terminate the Contract for default under applicable termination clauses in the Contract, exercise any of its rights and remedies under the Uniform Commercial Code, or pursue any other right or

remedy available to it.

#### **8.5 Right of Offset**

The State shall be entitled to offset against any sums due the Contractor, any expenses or costs incurred by the State, or damages assessed by the State concerning the Contractor's non-conforming performance or failure to perform the Contract, including expenses, costs and damages described in the Uniform Terms and Conditions.

#### **9 Contract Termination**

Contract Termination

##### **9.1 Cancellation for Conflict of Interest**

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-511, the State may cancel this Contract within three (3) years after Contract execution without penalty or further obligation if any person significantly involved in initiating, negotiating, securing, drafting or creating the Contract on behalf of the State is or becomes at any time while the Contract or an extension of the Contract is in effect an employee of or a consultant to any other party to this Contract with respect to the subject matter of the Contract. The cancellation shall be effective when the Contractor receives written notice of the cancellation unless the notice specifies a later time. If the Contractor is a political subdivision of the State, it may also cancel this Contract as provided in A.R.S. § 38-511.

##### **9.2 Gratuities**

The State may, by written notice, terminate this Contract, in whole or in part, if the State determines that employment or a Gratuity was offered or made by the Contractor or a representative of the Contractor to any officer or employee of the State for the purpose of influencing the outcome of the procurement or securing the Contract, an amendment to the Contract, or favorable treatment concerning the Contract, including the making of any determination or decision about contract performance. The State, in addition to any other rights or remedies, shall be entitled to recover exemplary damages in the amount of three times the value of the Gratuity offered by the Contractor.

##### **9.3 Suspension or Debarment**

The State may, by written notice to the Contractor, immediately terminate this Contract if the State determines that the Contractor has been debarred, suspended or otherwise lawfully prohibited from participating in any public procurement activity, including but not limited to, being disapproved as a subcontractor of any public procurement unit or other governmental body. Submittal of an offer or execution of a contract shall attest that the contractor is not currently suspended or debarred. If the contractor becomes suspended or debarred, the contractor shall immediately notify the State.

##### **9.4 Termination for Convenience**

The State reserves the right to terminate the Contract, in whole or in part at any time, when in the best interests of the State without penalty or recourse. Upon receipt of the written notice, the Contractor shall stop all work, as directed in the notice, notify all subcontractors of the effective date of the termination and minimize all further costs to the State. In the event of termination under this paragraph, all documents, data and reports prepared by the Contractor under the Contract shall become the property of and be delivered to the State upon demand. The Contractor shall be entitled to receive just and equitable compensation for work in progress, work completed and materials accepted before the effective date of the termination. The cost principles and procedures provided in A.A.C. R2-7-701 shall apply.

##### **9.5 Termination for Default**

9.5.1 In addition to the rights reserved in the contract, the State may terminate the Contract in whole or in part due to the failure of the Contractor to comply with any term or condition of the Contract, to acquire and maintain all required insurance policies, bonds, licenses and permits, or to make satisfactory progress in performing the Contract. The Procurement Officer shall provide written notice of the termination and the reasons for it to the Contractor.

9.5.2 Upon termination under this paragraph, all goods, materials, documents, data and reports prepared by the Contractor under the Contract shall become the property of and be delivered to the State on demand.

9.5.3 The State may, upon termination of this Contract, procure, on terms and in the manner that it deems appropriate, materials or services to replace those under this Contract. The Contractor shall be liable to the State for any excess costs incurred by the State in procuring materials or services in substitution for those due from the Contractor.

##### **9.6 Continuation of Performance Through Termination**

The Contractor shall continue to perform, in accordance with the requirements of the Contract, up to the date of termination, as directed in the termination notice.

#### **10 Contract Claims**

All contract claims or controversies under this Contract shall be resolved according to A.R.S. Title 41, Chapter 23, Article 9, and rules adopted thereunder.

#### **11 Arbitration**

The parties to this Contract agree to resolve all disputes arising out of or relating to this contract through arbitration, after exhausting applicable administrative review, to the extent required by A.R.S. § 12-1518, except as may be required by other applicable statutes (Title 41).

## Contract

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### Offer

#### Tax Information

Arizona Transaction (Sales) Privilege Tax License No. N/A  
Federal Employer Identification No. ASU0000004

#### Location Information

Supplier Number: 7130  
Company Name: Arizona State University ORSPA4  
Address: Admin Bldg B 163  
PO Box 873503  
Tempe, AZ 85287

#### Clarification Information

Name: Sara Pennak  
Phone: 480-965-4646 Fax: 480-965-5077

#### Signature

Name: Andrea Schmitt Date: 9/30/05 12:12:34 PM  
Title: Sponsored Projects Officer  
Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Status: Accepted

Certification

### Acceptance

Award Date TBD

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### Line Items

LI #	CM Code # CM Code Item #	Commodity Code Description Commodity Code Item Description	Manufacturer	Pricing	Qty	%	Unit Price	Ext Price
1	0952-0155 0952-0155-9999	Research General Research		FP	1		\$43.00	\$43.00
2	0952-0130 0952-0130-0001	Planning Strategic Business Planning and Policy Development		FP	1		\$51.00	\$51.00
4	0952-0155 0952-0155-0004	Research Survey Purposes		FP	1		\$43.00	\$43.00